



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
GRADUATION/DROPOUT PREVENTION TASKFORCE**

**June 19, 2012 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Valley of the Sun United Way  
1515 East Osborn Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

**AGENDA**

*The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation/Dropout Prevention Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.*

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Review and discuss Taskforce key initiatives and strategies
- Review and discuss work plan
- Review and discuss first set of recommendations for the Council

**Meeting Outcomes:**

- Identify first set of recommendations for the Arizona Ready Education Council

**Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.**

**Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.**

**Goals:**

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

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| <b>1. Call to Order, Welcome, &amp; Introductions</b>                                   | <b>Merl Waschler</b>     |
| <b>2. Review &amp; Discussion: Guiding Principles and Next Steps</b>                    | <b>Rebecca Gau</b>       |
| <b>3. Review &amp; Discussion: Taskforce Recommendations</b>                            | <b>Merl Waschler</b>     |
| <b>4. Council Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Steps</li></ul> | <b>Taskforce Members</b> |
| <b>5. Call to the Public</b>  | <b>Merl Waschler</b>     |
| <b>6. Adjourn</b>   | <b>Merl Waschler</b>     |

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